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Later references.

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For 225 no 203/24-29-25

8950-24 Sec 7, 9, 12

8961-25 Sec

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

For 169-25 (2, 3)

Per 1240-25 11-12

T. & L. 4-29 (1-8)

G.M 109-31 141-2.

Serial Nos. Seven (7).

Part B for Dec. 1923

SUBJECT

Appointment of Messrs Rendel Palmer & Tritton as consulting Engineers and Stone Agents.

Refer to:- 29 1 :- No 89494/8000 = 810-12-1923

States that definite instructions will be given in each case as to whether foreign quotations should be sent or whether they may place orders themselves without reference and that instructions have already been issued to Messrs Coutts + Co. to pay their bills on account of fees and expenses and that all cabled communications be sent to the Code address "Chisec" i.e. the telegraphic address of the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee is registered.

No. 89495/8000 810-12-1923 Forwards copy of the above to the Secy, Stores Purchase committee

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(F.M.)

NOTES.

File No. 109-23.

FILE HEADING.

Appointment of Messrs Rendel Palmer and Tritton as consulting Engineers and Home Agents.

From

No.	Dated	Received

Diary No.	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

NOTES—First Sheet.

B.T.6.

G. R. S. III-2.

+ Inter as Consulting Engineers & Home Agents

General and Revenue Secretariat.

& M File No. 1[illegible] of 19[illegible].

Serial No.

1) A draft Govt. Order is put up for approval sanctioning the appointment of Messrs. Rendel, Palmer & Tritton as Consulting Engineers and Home Agents with the direction that the firm should be consulted in all matters requiring expert advice and that all orders for foreign articles should be placed through them, indents being sent to the Chief Secretary. A draft letter is also put up to the firm accepting their terms and requesting them to take up the work as Consulting Engineers and Home Agents immediately pending formal ratification of the agreement. Another draft to Mr.C. Ranganatha Rao Sahib on the same lines is also put up.

It is for consideration if the relavent papers may be unofficially sent to the Govt.Advocate for scrutinising the draft agreement.

In regard to the purchases to be made by the Palace it is for orders if the communication should pass through the Chief Secretary or whether the Palace may correspond directly with the firm. The last sentence of the memo forwarding copy of the G.O. to the Private Secretary is for approval.

To give effect to the new arrangements a separate section would have to be immediately formed in the Chief Secretariat. One first division clerk has been temporarily sanctioned for the work but the appointment has now to be made. In addition

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to the large volume of correspondence work that will devolve on the section it is necessary to maintain one principal register for keeping an accurate record of the details of indents as they are received from the departments and passed on to the Agents tbgether one or two more subsidiary registers will be necessary for recording information regarding receipt of invoices, deliveries and payments etc., Action as above if approved be now taken.

It would perhaps also be necessary to call upon the Heads of Departments to make a forecast of their requirements during the year, so that some idea may be formed of the volume of transactions to be handled by the Agents. In the case of the Medical and Stationery Departments orders for the purchase of drugs and medicine and stationery respectively would have to be placed immediately.

It is for consideration also whether the Heads of Departments may not communicate directly with the Agents when expert advice is necessary. This point is alluded to in the draft order but has been reserved for separate orders.

8-7-23

(Chief Sec.)

2) Please correct for accurate reference, urgent as to whether the final agreements necessary or not, whether the draft is suitable

by
9/7/23

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3) Forwarded unofficially with compliments & the first address for favour of remarks and return of papers very early

By order
Mohanchandra Das

9.7.23. for Ch. Secy

4) If similar work is being done by the Engineers for the Govt of India and other Governments without any formal agreement, it does not appear to be necessary to secure one in this case.

I shall however offer my remarks on the draft enclosed.

Clause 1 to 3 — no remarks.

Clause (4) b & c: These subclauses are very vague. If, for example, the same staff is employed by the Engineers for their other work and this work, it would be very difficult in practice to apportion the total salary of the staff between their work & ours — and ~~it would become impossible for~~ the Engineers ~~to~~ would take advantage of this vague wording to

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to charge more than the actual work done deserves. Furthermore, as the Chartered Accountants who have to certify payments under subclauses (b) & (c) are also to be employed by the Engineers themselves, there is the possibility of amounts not properly admissible being certified as coming under clauses (b) & (c).

I would think this is a fair criticism in the proposal & the form is in accordance with commercial business practice

It seems to be therefore necessary to have all this made a little more specific or to have the minimum and maximum limits fixed in respect of these items of expenditure.

Clause 5 The expressions "any scheme of improvement" or "Similar large work" are also similarly vague and almost every kind of work can conveniently be brought under this category and separate remuneration can be claimed therefor.

This is after all a business proposition and there is always the danger of advantage being taken of the wording to lay claim to a much larger amount than can reasonably be allowed

On the whole it seems to me
to be better to begin with just a
formal agreement for some time
and to wait and see how this
arrangement works, instead
of entering into a formal agreement
containing expressions which can
conveniently be construed to the
advantage of either Company.

Yours sincerely,
W. Grant Ireland
Port Adelaide
1977/23.

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5) I have received this draft as drafted & there are for approval.

In the last note of 9.7.23 the Dewan has desired information about the allotment under capital & revenue under large spending departments should be put up. The information will have to be obtained from the FC Secty. It is to be mentioned therein that to ascertain approximately what proportion of these allotments will be spent locally and what proportion will be spent on purchase of equipment, materials &c. from abroad, the heads of the technical departments will have to be consulted.

This and the other queries about the appointment of a Stores Supt referred to by the Dewan may perhaps be taken up after the issue of this order & completed upon now.

10.7.23

Ch. Secy)

6) What establishment? in annam? Shipping?

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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7) Memo. & supplement to Messrs Rendell Palmer & Tritton & Mr C. Ramanatha Rao's bids are submitted for approval. As soon as these offers are approved & accepted, intimation must be issued from the revenue dept. about the allotments in the current year as called for in the Dewan's memo. of 9th inst. & the question of the appointment of supdg. Engrs & supplies workshop

by
14/7

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8) Drafts submitted

9) Please see Indags & thanks from Mr Reid. I think the drafts to be submitted are all right

Yrs
10/7

10) A.S.
Represent please comply with Mr Reid's request & return Mr Chetty's memorandum

by
16/7

Yrs
16/7

Allen Scott

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No. 11)

draft for approval accordingly change in view of the Dewan's letter forwarded by Rangacharya Rao Sahib.

In the draft f.n. para the form desired is ~~advised~~ in respect of purchase for all machinery &. I am not sure whether this is sufficient description. May not only advise but also actually effect purchase.

Dewan

16/7/23

16/7

12) Already letter of Secretary & reply

16.7

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Draft letter to the Firm.-

Para 3.-

(i) On its letter of 27th March 1923 the Firm has agreed to prepare drawings, designs and specifications for Industries and Machines also. These are omitted in the draft agreement. It is better to include these items also in the list of ~~work~~ duties undertaken by the Firm.

(ii) It is proposed to make the Firm the purchasing agent for materials to be obtained from America also. The Firm has not agreed to do this work. It has offered to work as purchasing agent only in Europe vide clause 2 of the draft agreement sent by it. The reference to America may be omitted.

(iv) In its letter of 27th March 1923 the Firm has agreed to advise us on all questions relating to engineering in all its branches and allied subjects. The expression underlined is omitted in the draft. It is well to include it.

The important provision contained in para 5 of the Firm's letter dated 27th March 1923 in regard to keeping our representative, if any, in London informed of the duties entrusted to it by us from time to time is not mentioned in the ~~proposed~~ draft letter ~~to it~~. I think it is necessary to include this point.

(v) (b).- This claim should be certified to by a firm of Chartered Accountants as agreed to by the Firm.

Firm. It is necessary to mention this point.

(v) (c).- This ~~xx~~ claim depends on the claim referred to in (v) (b) and should correspond to the time charged for the staff employed on our business. The share payable ~~xx~~ is not simply a 'proportionate' charge but 'a fair and reasonable proportion'. It is better to adopt the exact phraseology used by the Firm.

Accounts are to be rendered and payments made quarterly. It is necessary to mention this point also in the draft.

(vi).- The amounts intended to be referred to here are apparently £ 200,000 to £ 250,000 and not £ 20,000 to £ 25,000.

(vii).- "Extraordinary schemes of improvement" and "other ~~xxxx~~ works" of special magnitude" are very indefinite expressions. I think it is desirable to adopt the qualification "unusually large" suggested by Mr. Ryan. This is also indefinite but I think it is better than the expression now used. I would describe the works referred to in this clause as"any unusually large scheme of improvement or other work", The works intended to be excluded are those like the canti-lever road bridge over the River Hoogly in Calcutta estimated to cost £ 2,000,000 and referred to in para 7 of the confidential memorandum sent by

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Mr. Ranganatha Rao Saheb with his letter dated 29th March 1923.

(x).- The rate of 6 d. per ton is stated by the Firm to be 'the charge at the present time" and not the "usual rate".

I do not see any object in ~~xxxx~~ enunciating merely the terms of the arrangement in the proposed letter to the Firm. The Firm's letter dated 27th March 1923 is a complete document in regard to the services offered to be rendered, the procedure to be followed and the remuneration to be paid. In some cases the Firm has, in the draft agreement sent by it, restricted the scope of the provisions of the proposal. For instance, the Firm has offered in its letter of 27th March 1923 to obtain, if required by us, our approval to the acceptance of a tender considered most favourable by it. There is no allusion to this point in the draft agreement. Again, the Firm's letter refers to the procedure for sending to us reports of inspections made by its staff. There is no reference to this matter also in the draft agreement or in the proposed letter to the Firm. I think it is better to accept the arrangement as a whole as described in the Firm's letter instead of attempting to enumerate the terms of the undertaking in the proposed letter for concluding the arrangement.

Dewan (14) Secy. to the Govt. 17/6/23
Draft may be revised accordingly & submitted for Govt. orders. 18/6

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | F. M File No. 109 of 1923

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15) Forwarded with compts to the chief Secy
Mill
18/7/23

Mukerjee cash
1877

16) A revised draft letter to the Govt is put up for approval & their orders. The draft as drawn does not appear to require any revision — except the point raised by Mr. Ch. Lee in his note of 16.7.23 above

Mukh
18.7.23

(Ch. Lee)

Pto

17) A. Mukherjee viewed the Secy's new Memorandum dated 14/7

18) A further alternative draft of this form in compliance with additional alternative suggested by the Financial Secretary is put up.

There are now 4 drafts for approval:

A - draft first order

B1 } alternative drafts letter to this form

B2 }

C draft letter to the Govt. Officer on deputation

Chief Secy) 19) Mukh
24.7.23

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Council Matter.

SUBJECT.

20) Appointment of Messrs. Rendel, Palmer & Tritton as Consulting Engineers and Home Agents to the Government.

CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

By Order,

.....26th July.....19.23.

Chief Secretary to Government.

Extraordinary Member of Council.

801 28/7

First Member of Council. 29/7

Second Member of Council. 31/7 Member's opinion recorded 1.8.23

Third Member of Council.

Asst Secy, D & C for D.S.W.

2/8/23

General and Revenue Secretariat. | f.M File No. 109 of 1923

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21) A.D.S.N. is submd.
No 2/8/23

2.8.23

Ch Secy

22) Typed draft 2/8/23
Mem 3/8

23 Typed draft submd.
No 3/8/23

3/8/23

Ch Secy

24) Put up
2/8/23

Th 3 Sept 1923

AA No 65

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Submitted to His Highness.

25) In pursuance of paragraph 5 of my submission note dated the 30th April 1923, further negotiations were carried on with Messrs. Rendal Palmer and Tritton, through the Special Officer, Mr. Ranganatha Rao Saheb, regarding their appointment as Consulting Engineers and Home Agents for the purchase of goods on the continent of Europe. As the result of these negotiations, the Firm submitted a draft agreement for the acceptance of Government. It is, however, unnecessary for us to enter into a final agreement with the firm. The Government of India also have refrained from doing so in order that the understanding may be kept as elastic as possible to avoid possible future controversies regarding the interpretation of the duties undertaken by the firm. Accordingly, the draft reply (marked B 2) to the firm has been put up in consultation with the Government Advocate and the Financial Secretary to Government, embodying the terms as stated by the Company and accepted by the Government, and this will form the basis of the Government's transactions with the firm. The draft marked "A" in the file lays down instructions regarding the procedure to be adopted by the Heads of Departments in regard to the purchases to be made through the firm. Both the above drafts and the draft reply to the Special Officer, Mr. Ranganatha Rao Saheb (marked C) have been concurred in by the Members of Council.

I solicit that His Highness may be graciously pleased to approve of the drafts.

Dated Bangalore)
12th August 1923.)

12 AUG 1923

STATEMENT OF CASES SUBMITTED FOR THE ORDERS OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA DURING THE TOUR OUTSIDE THE STATE IN.....August.....

Serial No.	Subject	Recommendation of Council, or Member of Government in charge, as the case may be	Dewan's recommendation	Orders of His Highness	Orders submis (vide
65	Draft replies and order relating to the appointment of Messrs. Rendel Palmer and Tritton, London, as Consulting Engineers and Home Agents for the Government of Mysore.	...	...	119 W.D.S.O. 2014 dated 26-9-23. Approved by His Highness. 26/9/23 Chief Secy 9/9 9 SEP 1923	

NOTE.—The letter a, b or c may kindly be inserted by the Private Secretary to His Highness in the last column to indicate whether—

File may be submitted at once ... ... a
File may be submitted after His Highness' return ... ... b
File may not be submitted at all c

WD 2272—GPB —500—5-3-20

General and Revenue Secretariat. | File No. 109 of 192. 3

Serial No.

Appointment of Messrs Rendel Palmer Tritton, as Consulting Engineers and Home agents to the Govt

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31. All urgent or confidential files returned with His Highness' orders may, in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary, be ordinarily circulated to the Members of Council for perusal after the issue of orders.

33. The Secretaries concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Members.

34. In all other cases, the files will first be circulated to the Members of Council at headquarters and then sent to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders.

Circulated to the Members of Council for perusal of *

His Highness' orders $\frac{\text{before}}{\text{after}}$ issue of orders. (*Vide* Rules 31, 33 and 34 of the Subsidiary Rules for the conduct of business of Council in the Manual of Council Rules and Procedure.)

Chief Secretary to Govt.

Through the Secretary to Government,

.....Department.

1966
10-9-23

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

THIRD MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

The General Secy, with Compliments

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Mono WD 1335—GPB—500—16-1-23.

A. Please return at once

D.O. No. 14/1 file. KASHMIR.

26th August 1923.

My dear Sir,

I am directed to return herewith the papers relating to the appointment of Messrs. Rendel Palmer and Tritton, as Consulting Engineers and Home Agents and to say that as there is already an Agent in London for the Palace, the services of Messrs. Rendel Palmer and Tritton will be utilised by the Palace only when needed.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) T. Thumboo Chetty.

A.R. Banerji, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

Memo No. 144. dated 11th Sept. 1923

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secretary to Government for information. The connected file has already been sent.

Sir.
Please see
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11.9.

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11.9.23.

G.R.S. III—3]

f. M. 109-23

Routine Notes.

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26) Submitted with the file about the appts of Messrs Rendel Palmer & Tritton as Consulting Engineers the memo portion of the dispt f. 6. affecting the Palace will perhaps have to be omitted in the light of the Treasy Secy's letter of 26th August 23.

15/9/23 HL

27) It is perhaps unfortunate that a W Sec = Copy sent to Intermediate Stage at that.

15.-9.23.

Chief Secy)

28) (Mr. Apit his request issued last Monday) the point mentioned by the Private Secretary to Mr. Churchill was the question of the future, since the Treasury expect from, since the dispute the Palace the Secretaries (Vide Secretary's Memorandum)

Secretaries' minutes

Grant Secy) 26 Sept 1923 15.9.23.

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

G.R.S. III—3]

Routine Notes.

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29) In view of the Hon'ble Secy's letter of the 26th Aug., it appears to be necessary to make slight alterations in the drafts - I have indicated the date in the G.O., & in the letter, & the form, the corrections that may be made These are for kind approval

Rejd 10/9

30) These drafts may be returned to the undersigned after approval

Yes

10/9 Myer

31) For formal

Chief Secy with Compts

10/9

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

32) Secs returned with thanks

Yes

Dy-As. Secy

To be put up on 15th October 1923

15/10

Extract from the Chief Secretary's note in the file re Stores Purchase Committee

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33) "As regards the letter to Rendel Palmer & Tritton, the Dewan desires that the arrangements may be mentioned in the letter to them (as covering into effect shortly) & that mention may be made also of the arrangements re purchases by the Palace".

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34) A revised draft letter to Messrs. Rendel Palmer & Tritton is put up herewith.

Mg
28.9.23

(Chief Secy)

35) Memorandum read received with, approved, issued next mail

by
Mg
29/9

(Dewan) 36) Mayasami
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3.10

37) Shroff Bros. Bombay
Mail
29-9-23.

Shroff S.M. To Bombay 2= 1C 3/10/23

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd. on SEP 29 1923
Reg. No. 2161

General and Revenue Secretariat.

F.M File No. 109 of 1923,

Serial No.	
1	To. Messrs. Rendel Palmer & Tritton F. 5648 & 4-10-1923 Intimates that they have been appointed as Consulting Engineers and Home Agents with effect from 1st July 1923 for the purchase of foreign stores required by the Govt Depts under the terms set forth by the Firm in their letter of 27th March 1923.
	To The Comptroller Mysore Govt. Memo No. F. 5649 & 4-10-1923. Forwards a copy of the above together with a copy of the Firm's letter of 27th March 1923 for issuing necessary instructions to the Govt Bankers in London.
2	To. The Heads of Depts, Secys to Govt & Comptroller to Govt No F. 5650-700 & 4-10-23. Consequent on the appointment of Messrs Rendel, Palmer & Tritton as Consulting Engineers and Home Agents, issues instructions regarding the utilization of the Agents' services by the Depts in the formulation of projects or estimates or the selection and purchase of equipment and directs that all indents for foreign stores and all communications relating thereto be sent to the Chief Secy to Govt

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No.

3 From the Comptroller, Mysore Govt.
No. 566/Books dt 10-10-1923

With refce to ol 2, forwards a copy of the instructions issued to Messrs Coutts & Coy in regard to the payment of the articles ordered through the London Agents and requests

1) that copies of all orders placed with the firm with particulars as to approximate cost, the depts to which they relate and the head of charge to which the charge is debitable may be furnished to him

2) that the London Agents may be requested to quote the numbers of the orders in all communications, invoices etc and to forward to his office once a month a consolidated statt of amounts drawn by the firm from Messrs Coutts & Coy and

3) that clear instructions may be issued in regard to the payment of the salary due to the Agents.

3d) Regarding the 1st request, ~~the~~ copies of all orders are being sent even now. The additional information wanted will also be furnished hereafter.

The 3rd request, regarding the payment

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Letter to Complts or Decree under

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of the London Agents' fees & expenses, is being separately dealt with

As regards the 2nd, a draft to Messrs Rendel Palmer & Tritton is subd for appl or other orders.

Pty.W

16/10/23. Pty

17 Ch Reg

39) Is "increments" correct. Are they going to draw this actual charge as they occur, or once in every 5 years?

17/10 Pty

40) The Complt wants, apparently, information regarding all payments made every month either on a/c of the salaries, Office expenses &c or value of articles purchased. Salary & Office expenses are payable quarterly but payments will probably occur every month on a/c of purchases.

Pty.W

Ch Reg

41) I should like to refer to this recent letter on this point.

Pty

42) Please put up a paper

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W.T.S

General and Revenue Secretariat. | G. M. File No. 109 of 1923.

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43) The connected file G.M. 109-23 at 4 is put up herewith and the Finance letter dated 21st August 23 in the matter is also flagged.

22/10/23. 44) Put with reference to the note overleaf. 23.10

Ch. Sec

45) Mr Peary may kindly send this his note of pocket expenses and arrangements and amendments.

23/10

46) There are 2 kinds of payments, 1) payments made on age of tea, a 'out of pocket' expenses which go to the Agents and 2) payments made to the firms for articles purchased. The former will be quarterly. It is on age of the latter that payments will be occurring every month - If approved, the draft in the file will be issued 24/10

Ch. Sec

47) Re payment of the medical I understand there will also be Rs 1/- per case as per Finance letter of 27-3-23 and this letter of 21-8-23

Miller

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

F/L File No. 109 of 1923.

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I beg to invite reference to paras 8-12 of the firm's letter of the 27th March 1923 - particularly para 12. Payments have to be made by a Bank for value of articles + shipping charges against shipping documents. Para 2 of this letter relates only to fees + the firm's charges for staff employed, rent, office expenses etc.

The reference in the firm's letter of the 21st inst is only to fees + expenses.

Orders on the charges in the file are sought.

PE 28/11

Ch-Sec

49) Issuing sanction

29/11

PE

29/11

5 To

Messrs. Rendel Palmer & Tritton

No. F. 6758/Fin dt 31-10-23

Sir Cunningham + Mr Aiban Wyatt

Please to go through all these Communications, letters, bills etc in the file and

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G. R. S. III-2)

General and Revenue Secretariat.

Fin File No. 109 of 1922.

Serial No.	
	To which I beg to state as follows to the Comptr. Accts. & Audit, a Candidate for Statement of Accounts drawn & Certified for Payment & then sent for Pension Audit from Director Lands & Co., Nidamanj a/c. Each drawal in Cancelled Voucher No. No. & Dt. 6759 / Fin & 31 to 34 dt. Cy & Secretariat Treasury for Information & Audit Office Note. Taken.
B	

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GEN. & REV. SECTT.

Gen.

Br.

23 OCT. 1923

DIVISION

Gov 2606

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C. POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE.
This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Charges to pay.	
Rs.	As.

CENTRAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE 23 OCT 23 G.T.O.

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
1511 Rawalpindi	21/10	05		Ordy	80

Recd. here at 13 H. 22 M.

TO Sec. Chief Secy. Punjab Govt. Bombay

Kindly give letter of Lt. [illegible] appointment and leave granted upon which he may [illegible] further thereof [illegible]

Remarks

A

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

Lal Chand & Sons—1591—2-8-21—150,000 Blks.

50) Submitted for perusal. Will be placed in the file which has been noted in some other connection.

23/10/23.

24 A. What is this? Probably relates to more of payment. Why Bombay

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

54)

W.T.S 24.10.23

P.T.6.

G.R.S. III—31

Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

53) They refer to a communication posted on the 17th of this month which is due by the end of next week.

25/10/23 The comm^n may be awaited.

Yes

26/10/23

53) 27.10.23

From Messrs Bendel Palmer & Witton D.2815

Letter dated 17th October 1923

Requesting that they may be formally appointed as Agents and that Messrs Coutts & Co may be instructed to pay their fees and expenses

54) No further action seems necessary as both the requests have since been disposed of. Will be filed.

6/11/23.

54)

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form

General and Revenue Secretariat. | Fall File No. 109 of 1923.

D. 2978 | Serial No. 7

From: Messrs Rendel Palmer & Tritton

Letter dt 23-10-1923

Acknowledge receipt of the letter (vide sl 1) appointing them as consulting Engineers and Home Agents and make the following comments:—

1) that they may be given definite authority to place orders without further reference;

2) that Messrs Coutts & Co may be instructed to pay their fees and expenses;

3) that no payments are made to them except their fees and expenses, monies due on orders placed being paid directly to contractors on their (Rendels) certificates;

4) that indents on account of Mysore Railways will be sent to them direct instead of through M & S.M.; and

5) that they may be furnished with the telegraphic address of the Chief Eng and that Bentley's & A.B.C edition codes are used by them for cables.

6) submitted with refces.

As regards point 1, - definite instructions are given each time an order is

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placed with them. It is not clear what more is wanted.

Point 2 - Instructions have already been issued for the payment of fees & expenses.

Points 3 & 4. - No action seems necessary.

Point 5 - As all communications to and from the London Agents will hereafter be in the name of the Secy to the Stores Purchase Committee, it will perhaps be enough if his telegraphic address is furnished. The Chief Secy's address may, however, be intimated also.

(yet to be decided upon)

Two orders.

15/11/23. fly

57) The suggestion in para 1 may be approved.

Action will be taken to register a telegraphic address for the Secy Stores Purchase Committee. If approved the word 'Storesec' may be registered.

No action other than on the above 2 points is called for.

fly. 16

(Ch. Secy)

58) Mem. to Chief Accts Officer

Secretary

Tell them the address until they ask for a "choice" may be used. fly

20/11 fly 20/11

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59) Draft rsbd for apptl

KB 22/11/23. (Chief Secy) Secy 22/11/23

† Today's mail has not yet arrived

60) Rec'd telegram 22/11. This might have been received on 21/11 - KB.

The telegram previously referred to was never submitted to me -

Remarks of I. regarding there is necessary -

Perhaps I. might in draft a Memo we have to submit to Govt in the 23/11 Secy

J. T. S. Rec'd 23/11/23

61 The file may perhaps be sent to the Stores Purchase Section with reference to Chief Secy's orders vide para 60 (4) of the notes.

KB 23/11/23. (KB)

62 Secy, S. P. Committee with compts.

Secy 23/11/23

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In the Consulting Engineers letter dated 27th March 1923 stating the terms on which they undertake to act as Consulting Engineers and Purchasing Agents to Government which have been accepted by the Govt., they describe the methods of executing indents as follows:-

" Upon receipt of the indent by us, we proceed to prepare specifications, drawing, &c., or such other particulars as may be necessary. Tenders are then obtained by us either by advertisement or from selected firms, according to the nature and value of the work, and the most favourable offer is accepted on behalf of our clients. ~~In the terms of the letter of which we enclose a copy (marked "A") for your information.~~ * * * * *

In any particular instance where our clients have specially asked that the offer we consider most favourable be submitted for their approval before final acceptance, this will of course, be done, and in special cases, where the order is of some magnitude, we use our discretion whether to refer it by cable or not, But we would mention that reference to India sometimes creates difficulty in placing orders, as contractors will not always keep open their tenders long enough for this reference and for a reply to be received, offers in practically in all cases being subject to prompt acceptance".

The form in which indents for foreign articles should be sent prescribed in Govt. Order dated 4th

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the 4th October 1923 there is a distinct column for noting information whether quotations are required before an order is finally placed by the Consulting Engineers.

The practice now is to leave it to the discretion of the Consulting Engineers to place the final order in the manner they consider best and to call for previous quotations only in exceptional cases. (This ~~was done~~ latter course was adopted in the case of the purchase of steel pipes of the value of £6160/- required for the K.G.F. Water Supply).

Whether or not previous quotations are required before an order is finally placed is indicated in each case when an indent is sent to the Consulting Engineers for execution.

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The Consulting Engineers have now in their letter dated 23rd October 1923 asked for a general authority given to them to place orders on our behalf without further reference to us, unless they are requested to do so in the indent or they consider the matter of sufficient importance to consult us beforehand of their own initiative.

This is precisely what is being done now as the indent sent to the firm indicates clearly whether quotations are required or not before an order is finally placed by them.

There is therefore no room for doubt but still the firm may be given definitely to understand that except in cases in which it is specifically stated

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that previous quotations should be sent and other cases of importance in which a further reference is made to us by the firm of their own initiative, there is no objection to their placing final orders at their discretion without ~~fut~~ further reference to us.

(A)

Whether it is necessary to place the matter before the Committee for opinion is for orders. A reply is due to the firm early and the Committee is not likely to meet for some time to come.

(B)

MR
24.11.23

President
S.P.Com

159.
8.12.23.

(A) I agree.
(B) Not necessary to come before Committee on this point.

MR
8/12

Chief Secy)
Submit.

SD.
10/12

Draft already finalised is approved. Done.

10/12

~~2nd A.~~

Recd. 10.12.23

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Serial No. 12

To Messrs. Reuel Palmer & Tritton

No. G. 3494/Fin. dt. 10/12/23

States that definite instructions will be given in each case, as to whether Premia Quotations should be sent or whether they may be referred to Secretary's Premia References, and that all Enquiries have already been issued to Messrs. Cassels & Co. to pay their bills on account of fees & Expenses & that all Cables Communications be sent to the Code address "Clerjee" & the Telegraphic address of the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee is registered.

No. G. 3495/Fin. dt. 19/12/23 to C/S Asst. Adviser to the Hon'ble, Stores Purchase Committee.

Subs. Advice has been sent to be taken up with the P.P. Secy. with regard to para 2 (5) of P.D. Dn. in matter of getting the Telegraphic address of the Secy, Stores Purchase Committee registered

19/12/23 I believe a reference has already been made in the matter to the Residency. Verify

Subs. A ref. has already been issued to the Residency in the matter 20/12
(Pol: 521/P.P. 82-21-104 dt 7-12-23). May be filed the records now.

20/12/23 Yes 20/12

Mr. Sheriff
Counsel's PP
Mr. Khan
Thanks refer 20/12/23

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India Store Department,
Belvedere Road,
Lambeth, S.E.1.

25th June 1923.

Dear Mr Ranganatha Rao,

I am sorry there has been a little delay in answering your letter of the 9th June, owing to my temporary absence from London. With regard to your second paragraph, when some/few years ago the question of the scope of the duties of our Consulting Engineers was under consideration, it was decided not to attempt to define it precisely, as it was feared that this might cause embarrassment later on through the Consulting Engineers objecting to do work which was not precisely covered by the definition. The position has, however, lately been altered and the existing arrangement with the Consulting Engineers, being quite general in terms, should I think preclude any likelihood of this occurrence. I think you have a copy of the arrangement made by us with them. I do not think it is desirable to try to define exactly the range of work which they may be required to undertake; for the reason indicated above. If you wish to have something on record on the point, I think it might be best to take the form of a copy or summary of what is said on the subject in the firm's letter to you dated 27th March, 1923, papragraphs 3-5.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) T.RYAN

C.Ranganatha Rao Sahib Esq., B.A.,B.L.,
Sentinel House,
Southampton Row,
London W.C.1.

REPLY.

(To be written on this margin.)

Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE.

Dated...3rd..July..... .....192 3.

A note may be put up early regarding the arrangements to be made about the -- English Agency. (Rendell Palmer & Tritton)

also Gatown 1st Sept.

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3.7.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
with compliments.

Supt. Newspapers
Papers Examined
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Mysore
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REPLY.

(To be written on this margin.)

Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE.

Dated.....7th.. July.. .....1923.

Extract from Mr.Ranganatha Rao Saheb's report for the week ending 7th June 1923 together with the draft agreement referred to therein are forwarded herewith with compliments to the Chief Secretary to Government,

Re - London Agency.

The Chief Secretary to Govt.,
with compliments.

India Store Department,

Belvedere Road,

Lambeth, S.E.1.

7th June 1923.

Dear Mr Ranganatha Rao,

I return the enclosures received with your letter dated 5th June 1923. I have read through the draft agreement with Messrs Rendel, Palmer & Tritton, and, so far as I can see, it should meet the case.

In reply to the second paragraph of your letter, I do not think it absolutely necessary to attempt to lay down in writing the procedure referred to in clause 3 of the agreement, but I quite understand that your principals in India, who are less familiar with this kind of business than we are, might prefer to have something recorded. If so, I suggest that the record might take the form of attaching to the agreement as a schedule a copy of the firm's letter to you dated 27th March 1923 (as suggested by me in pencil on the draft herewith), or, alternatively, you might like to ask Messrs Rendel Palmer & Tritton to put in a self-contained note as a schedule describing the procedure. It would be necessary, however, to leave it fairly elastic.

I have made two other pencil suggestions on the draft, neither of which is very important.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) T.RYAN.

C.Ranganatha Rao Sahib Esq.,
Sentinel House,
Southampton Row,
W.C.

AN AGREEMENT made this day of 1923

BETWEEN THE DEWAN of the Government of Mysore in the Empire of India (hereinafter called "the Government") of the one part and RENDEL PALMER & TRITTON of 12, 13 and 14, Dartmouth Street in the City of Westminster in the County of London (hereinafter called "the Engineers") of the other part WHEREBY it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:-

(1). The Government hereby appoints the Engineers to be the Consulting Engineers of the Government and also the Agents of the Government in London upon the terms hereinafter appearing, and the Engineers hereby accept such appointment.

(2). During the currency of this Agreement the Engineers shall perform on behalf of the Government all duties usually performed by Consulting Engineers in similar circumstances, including the preparation of any drawings, designs or specifications required in connection with the ordinary work of the Government in connection with its railways, electrical plant, or other State engineering enterprises, and shall in addition act as a Home Agency in connection with the purchase

in Europe of plant machinery and stores of all kinds (including such stores as drug medicine or stationery) both on behalf of the Government or on behalf of His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore personally.

SUBJECT to the provisions of Clause 5 hereof the Engineers shall also during the currency of this Agreement advise the Government on all questions which may be submitted to them relating to Engineering in all its branches.

(3). The procedure to be adopted by the Engineers in carrying out work entrusted to them by the Government shall be that which they have adopted for many years past as Consulting Engineers to other Governments and Public Bodies.

(4). The remuneration to the Engineers for the services to be rendered by them under the terms of this Agreement shall be as follows:-

(a). A fixed salary at the rate of £500 per annum.

(b). The actual amount paid by the Engineers for salaries of their staff and other expenses in connection with work for the Government.

(c). A fair and reasonable proportion of the overhead charges of the Engineers in respect of rent, general office expenses and upkeep corresponding to the time

charged for their staff under the preceding sub-clause (b) hereof.

Accounts shall be submitted and paid quarterly but the amount to be paid by the Government under sub-clauses(b) and (c) of this clause shall be certified by Messrs W.A.Browne & Co. or such other independent firm of Chartered Accountants as may be employed by the Engineers from time to time and their certificate shall be furnished to the Government as soon as practicable after the 31st day of March in each year.

(5). Provided nevertheless that the remuneration hereinbefore referred to shall not be deemed to cover the services of the Engineers in connection with any scheme of improvement or other large work, and the remuneration for such services shall be agreed as and when occasion arises.

(6). This Agreement shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1923 and shall continue in force unless and until determined by either party giving to the other party six months' notice in writing expiring on the 1st day of July 1924 or any subsequent 1st day of July.

AS WITNESS the hands of the parties.

SIGNED by the Dewan of the Government of Mysore in the presence of:-

SIGNED by Rendel Palmer & Tritton in the presence of:-

Extract from Mr. C.Ranganatha Rao Sahib's report for the week ending 7th June 1923.

...

" (a) Draft Agreement.

I submit for the consideration of Government a draft of the proposed Agreement, forwarded by Messrs. Rendel Palmer & Tritton as desired by Government. I believe that the Government of India have deliberately refrained from incorporating their appointment of this firm as their Consulting Engineers in a formal document, with a view to avoiding dirricuities of interpretation in the future should business not included in the strict letter of the agreement be entrusted to the firm. I believe a reference to this is made in the confidential Printed Note of the Government of India (submitted along with my Report* dated 29th March 1923). Government may perhaps consider that no formal agreement is advisable in this case, owing to the same reasons. I have forwarded a copy of the draft to Mr. Ryon, and will submit further remarks on the subject in due course. "

*(Already sent to Chief Secretary)

Copy of letter dated 14th May 1923 from Messrs. Rendel, Palmer & Tritton, London, to Mr. C.Ranganatha Rao Sahib (London).

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" We beg to return herewith the cablegram which you left with us at our interview today.

2. In regard to an Agreement, we beg to point out that we have never had formal agreements with our clients, including the Government of India, most of the Indian Railways, Indian States and others, as an exchange of letters has always been considered sufficient, but as you wish for a formal agreement, we have instructed our Solicitors to prepare a draft, which will be submitted to you. for approval.

3. In regard to taking over the duties of your Consulting Engineers and London Agents, we are quite prepared to commence carrying out your work at once, but we think that the 1st July might be accepted as the date from which the salary commences. If any expenses are incurred on your work in the meantime, the cost will be charged in the July-September account.

4. We are very glad to have this appointment, and we feel sure that our association with the State of Mysore will be a happy and satisfactory one to both parties. "

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(3). The procedure to be adopted by the Engineers in carrying out work entrusted to them by the Government shall be that which they have adopted for many years past as Consulting Engineers to other Governments and Public Bodies.

(4). The remuneration to the Engineers for the services to be rendered by them under the terms of this Agreement shall be as follows:-

(a). A fixed salary at the rate of £500 per annum.

(b). The actual amount paid by the Engineers for salaries of their staff and other expenses in connection with work for the Government.

(c). A fair and reasonable proportion of the overhead charges of the Engineers in respect of rent, general office expenses and upkeep corresponding to the time charged for their staff under the preceding sub-clause (b) hereof.

Accounts shall be submitted and paid quarterly but the amount to be paid by the Government under sub-clauses (b) and (c) of this clause shall be certified by Messrs. W. A. Browne & Co. or such other independent firm of Chartered

Accountants as may be employed by the Engineers from time to time and their certificate shall be furnished to the Government as soon as practicable after the 31st day of March in each year.

(5). Provided nevertheless that the remuneration hereinbefore referred to shall not be deemed to cover the services of the Engineers in connection with any scheme of improvement or other large work, and the remuneration for such services shall be agree as and when occasion arises.

(6). This Agreement shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1923 and shall continue in force unless and until determined by either party giving to the other party six months' notice in writing expiring on the 1st day of July 1924 or any subsequent 1st day of July.

AS WITNESS the hands of the parties.

SIGNED by the Dewan of the Government of Mysore in the presence of:-

SIGNED by Rendel Palmer & Tritton in the presence of:-

24.5.23.

DATED 1923.

THE GOVERNMENT of MYSORE

--and--

Messrs. RENDEL, PALMER & TRITTON.

Draft

A G R E E M E N T .

E. P. Turner & Sons,

115, Leadenhall Street, E.C. 3.

(To be written on this margin.)

Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE.

Dated 9th July 1923.

The general order regarding the English Agency should be expedited. In this connection, it is necessary to establish a small section in the Secretariat for stores and supplies. A note may be put up with reference to the allotment for the current year both under capital and revenue, under large spending Departments - suggesting measures to be taken up and the procedure to be followed. The question of appointing a Superintendent of Stores and Supplies may also be considered in this connection and discussed in Council.

9 JUL 1923

The Chief Secretary to Govt.,
with compliments.

To

C.Ranganatha Rao Sahib, Esq.,B.A.,B.L.

Officer on Deputation,

L O N D O N.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith copy of a letter addressed to Messrs. Rendel Palmer & Tritton intimating final acceptance of their terms and appointing them as Consulting Engineers and Home Agents to the Government, I am directed to say that the Government do not consider it necessary that a formal agreement should be entered into with the firm. The letter now addressed to them may be taken as the basis for the transactions of Government with the firm from 1st July 1923. I am to request you to arrange with the firm that they may take up the work ~~proceed to act in the capacity~~ of Consulting Engineers and Home Agents for the Government as from 1st July 1923.

I have etc.,

10.7.23 Chief Secy. to Govt.

REPLY.

(To be written on this margin.)

Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE.

Dated....15th..July.... .....*1923* .

The accompanying extract from Mr.C. Ranganatha Rao Sahib's weekly report for the week ending 28th June 1923 is forwarded with compliments, to the Chief Secretary to Government.

Chief Secretary,
with compliments.

Extract from Mr.Ranganatha Rao Saheb's Report
No.18 dated the 28th June 1923.

Appointment of Consulting Engineers

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Order No.5379 dated 3rd May 1923, copy of a letter sent to Messrs.Rendel Palmer & Tritton in respect of their appointment as Consulting Engineers to Government. I have had a talk with Mr.Palmer about this letter, and he will write to Government accepting the proposals made therein. Mr.Palmer was at first inclined to take exception to the last sentence in the second paragraph of the letter, in which it is stated that although Government would not employ any other firm for the purpose of making purchases in England, they would not be bound to make their purchases through Rendels. Mr.Palmer considered that this might be held to indicate a want of confidence in them by Government. I pointed out, however, that no such inference could possibly be drawn and that Government in this sentence meant only to reserve to themselves the right of making direct purchases should they deem it necessary to do so, and Mr.Palmer finally agreed to accept this.

I beg to invite reference to my report No.15 dated 7th June 1923, in which I stated that I should forward the remarks of Mr.Ryan on the Draft Agreement prepared by the Consulting Engineers in regard to their appointment. I now enclose for the information of Government two copies of letters received from Mr.Ryan on the subject, together with the draft on which he has made some emendations in pencil. I submit that the draft as finally recommended by Mr.Ryan may be approved by Government should they decide to incorporate the appointment of this firm in terms of a formal document.

To

Messrs. Rendel Palmer & Tritton,
Civil and Consulting Engineers,
12-14, Dartmouth Street,
Westminister, London S.W.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to invite a reference to my letter No.5378 dated the 23rd May 1923 in the matter of the proposal to appoint you as consulting Engineers and Home Agents to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja and to state that Mr. C.Ranganatha Rao Sahib has since forwarded to Government copies of your letter addressed to him together with the draft of an agreement proposed by you for adoption, if need be.

2. I am now to state that His Highness' Government have pleasure in finally accepting the terms on which you have agreed to act as their consulting Engineers and Home Agents as set forth in detail in your letter dated the 27th March 1923 to Mr. C.Ranganatha Rao Sahib. His Highness' Government have accordingly decided to appoint you in that capacity as from the 1st July 1923.

3. I am to state that the Government agree with you that it is not essential that any formal agreement should be executed by you.

4. It will be understood that the arrangements may be terminated by either party giving six months' notice to the other party, such notice expiring on the 1st day of January or 1st day of July of any year. As already stated in my letter dated

23rd May 1923, referred to above, His Highness' Government reserve to themselves the discretion to make direct purchases whenever they consider such a course necessary and will not be bound to make all their purchases through you.

5. I am to inform you in this connection that His Highness' Government are about to issue orders constituting a Stores Purchase Committee which will deal with the purchase of local and foreign stores of all kinds required for the various departments of the administration. The Committee will be authorised to indent upon your services in the matter of expert advice and purchases in accordance with the understanding now settled between the Government and yourselves. The Secretary to the Committee will address you as occasion arises. Till the committee actually comes into existence and a Secretary is appointed, all communications to you will be addressed by the Chief Secretary to Government and all invoices &c., for goods ordered and despatched may kindly be sent to him.

6. As regards purchases for His Highness the Maharaja personally, I am to state that, as the Palace have an Agent of their own in London, the Huzur Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja will address you direct in regard to the purchases for the Palace whenever needed.

7. Payments to be made to you will be arranged for through Messrs. Coutts & Co., the Government Bankers in London to whom the invoices shipping documents &c., supported

by your certificate authorising payment may kindly be sent.

8. I am to express the thanks of His Highness' Government for the courtesy and promptitude shown by you in complying with their wishes.

Yours faithfully,

28.9.23

Chief Secretary to Govt.

Memo.No. 5649 G.M 109-23-1 Dated 4/10/23

Copy of the above, together with a copy of letter dated 27th March 1923 from Messrs. Rendel Palmer and Tritton, is forwarded to the Comptroller to Government for information and for issue of needful instructions to the Government Bankers in London.

By order,

28.9.23

Chief Secretary.

Copy of letter dated 27th March 1923 from Messrs.Rendel, Palmer and Tritton, London, to Mr. C.Ranganatha Rao Saheb.

With reference to your interviews with us on the 21st and and 26th instant. in regard to our taking up the appointment of your Consulting Engineers and London Agents, we beg to confirm the proposal which was then outlined to you.

2. If we are appointed, our practice, which we suggest might be followed in this case, is to charge against our clients (i) a salary, and (ii) by quarterly bills the actual time worked for them by any of our staff, at the salaries actually paid, and then to add for rent, office expenses, and up-keep a proportion corresponding to the time so charged. The amount of this charge is usually under 12 per cent on the cost of the actual time worked. This has been the method employed for upwards of 60 years to the entire satisfaction of all our clients. During the past few years our accounts have been audited by an outside firm of Chartered Accountants Messrs. W.A. Brown and Co London- and at the end of each financial year this firm certifies to the accuracy of the allocation of our charges. We adopted this audit of our accounts for our own satisfaction, and not because it was required by our clients.

3. The salary we are prepared to accept is £ 500 per annum, which will cover our own personal emoluments and also any ordinary matters of design which you wish to entrust to us; but if we are to be consulted upon any large scheme of improvement or other large works, a seperate arrangement could doubtless be made to your satisfaction. Other than such large works, we will undertake all your usual current work which we understand amounts in value to £ 200,000 to £ 250,000 per annum.

4. Our duties will include, in addition to those usually pertaining to a Home Agency, the preparation of any drawings, designs, specifications &c., required in connection with your ordinary work such as Railways, Electrical Plant and Appliances, Industries. Machinery, Stores of all kinds including drugs, medicines, stationery &c., &c., - in fact, all your purchases abroad either for the State

10. The next step after the contract is placed is that arrangements are made for inspection; a copy of the contract and any neccessary instructions or drawings are sent to the contractors and a copy of the contract is also sent to our client in India for their information and record.

11. When the work has been inspected and passed for shipment, a certificate is prepared and sent to us by our inspector, on our form No. 9 (see enclosed sample marked B) and a copy of the certificate is sent to our clients in India. Upon receipt by us of this certificate if the ~~certificate~~ contract is for c.i.f. delivery, the contractor is authorised to ship. If the contract is for delivery f.o.b. at a port in this country, arrangements for shipment are made by us through our shipping agents, Messrs. Turnbull Gibson and Company who have a large experience of shipments to India and act in a similar capacity for the Government of India and many of the large Indian Railway Companies, which enables them to make the most advantageous arrangements for freight. Through Messrs. Turnbull Gibson and Company we also arrange the insurance and carry out all the neccessary formalities in connection with the shipment, their charge at the present time being a commission of 6 d per ton, which in our opinion is very reasonable, and we recommend that their employment be sanctioned in the case of your f.b.b. contracts.

12. When shipment has been effected, the invoice, shipping specification, bills of lading and insurance Policy are forwarded to whatever Bank you may appoint, and at the same time we send to the bank our certificate authorising payment to the Contractors of the amount due to them, as well as the payment to Messrs. Turnbull Gibson and Company of their account for the cost of freight insurance &c., . The Bank then forwards the contractors' invoice and shipping documents to the consignee in India.

13. Where the consignment consists of the whole of the work prdered under the contract our pay certificate is for payment to the contractors of the whole of the contract sum, but where the whole of the contract is not completed at one time, and the- is shipped in more than one consignment, only 90 per cent of the invoice value for the intermediate

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deliveries is certified, the balance of 10 per cent being retained untill the completion of the contract, when it is certified for payment.

14. We should however, explain that although the above is the usual practice, there are occasionally cases in which it is necessary from exceptional circumstances to pay in full for each consignment as shipped, and we would ask you to leave us a free hand to use our discretion in this matter, where necessary. We would also mention, in regard to certifying payments to contractors, that the general rule is not to certify for payment until the shipment has actually been effected and all shipping documents delivered to the Bank.

15. We have written to you somewhat fully upon the points which occur to us. The practice we have described is the outcome of 60 or more years' experience in dealing with such matters and it is one which gives entire satisfaction to all our clients.

For Chief Secretary to Govt.

Proceedings of the Government of [illegible]

the Maharaja of Mysore.

Signed by Jas. K. K. Aiyangar

Issued on 6/10/23

F. C. No. G. 5650-700/f. M. 109-23-2 4-10-23

May this be

i Printed ? Yes

~~ii treated as a standing order ?~~

~~iii published in the Gazette, English Part ?~~

~~iv translated ?~~

v placed at the disposal of the press ?

~~vi published in the Gazette, Kannada Part ?~~

Yes orders with reference to query No. 5.

6/10/23 Copy placed in press

6/10/23 Copy sent

a d:-

Government Order No.1471-536/G.M. 22-28 dated 21st June 1923 directing indents for the purchase of all ign articles should be sent to the f Secretary after obtaining the usual rtmental sanction.

Order No. G 5650-700 G M 109-23-2

Dated, Bangalore, 4/10/23

Read

The Government have under their deration for some time past the ques- of appointing a firm of Consulting eers in England to provide expert e in the matter of public works, ay and electrical schemes undertaken e Government as also to act as ~~general~~ agents ~~for~~ all machinery, s and other articles required by the us departments of Government.

The Government have now concluded certain arrangements with the firm of Messrs.Rendel Palmer & Trittion, Civil and Consulting Engineers, London, under which the firm will act as Consulting Engineers and Home Agents for the Government. The firm have undertaken to perform on behalf of the Government all duties usually performed by Consulting Engineers in similar circumstances including the pre-

paration

of drawings, designs or specifications required in connection with the ordinary work of the Government in the matter of railways, electrical plant or other engineering enterprises. They have also agreed to act as a Home Agency for the purchase in Europe of all plant, machinery and stores of all kinds including drugs, medicine and stationery required by the departments of Government (as well as by the Palace). The firm have also undertaken to provide at the desire of the Government, expert technical advice and other assistance in extraordinary schemes of improvement or other ~~services~~ work of special magnitude.

The above arrangements will come into effect as from the 1st of July 1923. The Government direct that, in future, all purchases in Europe and America should be made only through these agents unless where otherwise specifically authorised. As Messrs. Rendel, Palmer and Trittion are to act as the Consulting ~~Engineers of~~ Government the Heads of the several technical departments are requested, before recommending any new schemes or enterprises for sanction of Government, to utilise their services, as far as possible, in the preparation of projects or estimates or the selection and purchase of equipment.

Pending issue of instructions permitting the Heads of Departments to consult the firm directly or to place orders with them for purchase of articles required for their departments, the Government -

direct that in cases where it is considered necessary to consult the firm or where articles have to be purchased abroad, all communications should be sent to the Chief Secretary to Government who will obtain the required information or place the necessary - orders as the case may be.

Indents for articles to be purchased abroad should, after the usual departmental sanction for the purchase is obtained, be sent to the Chief Secretary to Government in the form accompanying this order.

10-7-25 Chief Secy. to Govt.,

To

The Heads of Departments.

The Secretaries to Govt.

The Comptroller to Govt.

Memo No.

Dated,

Copy of the above is forwarded to the Comptroller to Government, for information with the intimation that during the currency of the agreement with Messrs. Rendel, Palmer and Trittion, the firm will be paid remuneration as follows:-

1. A fixed salary at the rate of £.500 per annum.

2. The actual amount paid by the Consulting Engineers for salaries of their staff and other expenses incurred in connection with work done for the Government, and

3. Proportionate overhead charges incurred by the Consulting Engineers in respect of rent, general office expenses and up-keep as certified by a firm of Chartered Accountants to be ascribable to work done for the Government.

Unnecessary as a copy of this letter will be forwarded to them. MSR

For ~~the~~ assistance rendered ~~needed~~ by the firm in cases of extraordinary schemes of special magnitude not provided for ~~in~~ under this arrangement the firm will be entitled to the special rates of remuneration as may be agreed upon in each individual case.

By Order,

MSR
10.7.23

Chief Secy. to Govt.,

Memo No. G 5701/GM 109-23-2

Dated, 4/10/23

Copy of the above is forwarded to the Private Secretary to H.H. the Maharaha for information with the intimation that Messrs. Rendel, Palmer and Trittion will in accordance with the above order also act as Home Agents for the purchase of all articles and stores that may be required by the Palace and that all such orders may be sent direct

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to the firm.

By Order,

10/7/25 Chief Secy. to Govt.

F O R M.

Department.....

Number and date of sanction of estimate by Govt. .....

Article of Articles.	Trade Name.	Accurate specification.	Purpose for it is required.	Name or names of manufacturers.	Quantity or quantities desired.	If delivery is desired by instalments.		Estimate of anticipated cost.	Is quotation required before order is finally placed.	Designation of consignee.	Port or Ry. stn. at which delivery is sought.	Is it desired that purchase should be urgently arranged by cable.	Any other points requiring mention.
						Quantity desired in each instalment.	Date by which each instalment is to be delivered.						

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Please address all future communications to the Comptroller to the Govt. of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.
In reply to this Comn. please refer to
No. 566/Books E/-1

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Dated, Bangalore, the... 10th Octr *192* 3

FROM

T. SATYARAJ CHETTY ESQ., B. A.,

Comptroller to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

JEML. & REV. SECTT.
Br. G.M.
12. OCT. 1923
To
SECTION

To

K. Matthan, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

SIR,

With reference to your memo No.G.5649/G.M.109-23-1 dated 4th October 1923, re: the Agency of Messrs. Rendel Palmer and Tritton, London, for the supply of articles to the various Government Departments of the State, I have the honor to forward herewith for your information copy of letter No.565/Books dated 10th October 1923 addressed to Messrs. Coutts and Co., in the matter.

To facilitate audit and accounting when debits appear in the accounts of Messrs. Coutts and Co., on account of sums paid by them to the Agents, I request you will be so good as to arrange for copies of all orders placed with the firm being sent to this office indicating the approximate cost and the department and the head of charge to which the cost of materials ordered is debitable.

For purposes of verification, the Agents may be kindly directed to quote the number of the order in all communications, invoices, bills, debit notes and receipts sent by them and to forward to this office once in a month a consolidated statement of amounts drawn during the month from Messrs. Coutts and Co., indicating against each

drawal the order number connected therewith.

I also solicit orders as to whether the salary due to the Agents has to be paid quarterly or annually, as this is not clearly stated in the copy of their letter dated 27th March 1923 to Mr. Ranganatha Rao Saheb. The rate at which it has to be paid may also be kindly intimated

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

T. Satyanarayana

Comptroller.

MSR/10-10

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

In reply please refer to No. 565-6/Books

Comptroller's Office, Bangalore,
Dated the 10th October *192*3.

Messrs. Coutts and Co.,
Bankers, 440 Strand,
London, W.C.2.

Gentlemen,

The Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore having appointed Messrs. Rendel Palmer and Tritton, Civil and Consulting Engineers, 12-14, Dartmouth Street, Westminster, London, S.W., as consulting Engineers and Home Agents of this State in London as from the 1st July 1923, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to pay the said Agents the amount of the invoices that may be presented by them for the supply of articles to the various Government Departments of this State agreeably to the orders placed with them by the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore.

Re: salary etc., due to Messrs. Rendel Palmer and Tritton for acting as Agents of the State, separate instructions will be sent when the

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the question is finally sottled by Govornment.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) T. Satyanarayanaiah

Comptroller.

MSR/10-10

Through
Superintendent
Record Section
Accountant General
Bangalore

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SUBJECT .....

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Diary No. of letter replied to D.:24.27

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 31.10.23

Signed by Mr. K. V. A.

Section G. M.

File No. 109-23.

Serial No. 5

No. 96758

To Messrs Rendel Palmer & Tritton
12-14, Dartmouth Street,
Westminster, London S.W(1)

Gentlemen,

In continuation of this office letter No. G. 5648/G.M.109-23-1 dated the 4th October 1923 in regard to your appointment as consulting Engineers and Home Agents for the Govt of Mysore, I am directed to request that you will be so good as to quote in all your communications, invoices, bills, debit notes and receipts etc the

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number

of the order to which they relate.

Arrangements may Kindly be made to forward to the Comptroller to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore, once a month a consolidated or Cumulative statement of amounts drawn by you during the previous month from Messrs Canara Bank, indicating against each drawal the Counter order number connected therewith

Yours faithfully,

Secy to Govt.

16/10/23 & 6759 & 31.10.23

17/10/23

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Comptroller to the Govt of Mysore for information with refce to paragraph-(4) of his letter No. 566/books & 10th October 1923.

List of enclosures.

P. N. D

By order,

Secy to Govt

Copied by

Examined by

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RENDEL PALMER & TRITTON.
CIVIL & CONSULTING ENGINEERS.

F. PALMER, C.I.E., M.INST.C.E.
SIR SEYMOUR B. TRITTON, K.B.E., M.INST.C.E.
SIR ROBERT R. GALES, M.INST.C.E.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: SUKKUR, PARL. LONDON.
TELEPHONE NUMBERS: VICTORIA 8300 (4 LINES)

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12-14, Dartmouth Street,
Westminster,
London, S.W.1.

17th October, 1923.

FOR. & REV. SECTT.
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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Appointment as Consulting Engineers and Agents.

Dear Sir,

We shall be much obliged if you will kindly settle this question, which, although we believe it to be all in order, is not formally confirmed; and we find that the Bankers in London - Messrs. Coutts & Co. - have not received any authority to pay our fees and expenses, although they have received instructions to disburse money against Contracts which have been completed under our inspection and under our certificate.

2. Briefly, the position is that after having put forth very fully our proposals and the duties which we should perform, in a letter to Ranganatha Rao Sahib, when he was at home (a copy of which was forwarded to India for consideration), you replied, vide your letter of 23rd May, 1923 (Ref: 5378/CB), but this letter never reached us. Ranganatha Rao Sahib, however, furnished us with a copy. In this letter you stated that our proposals were generally acceptable to His Highness' Government and that they had accordingly cabled to Ranganatha Rao Sahib to submit for their final approval a draft of the agreement to be entered into, giving effect to these arrangements.

The Chief Secretary to
the Government of H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore,
SOUTH INDIA.

We pointed out to Ranganatha Rao Sahib that we were quite favourable to such an Agreement being drawn out, and one was actually prepared, but we stated that it was unusual and had never been asked for, even in the case of our appointment to the Government of India and other Indian undertakings similar to the Government of Mysore.

3. We then received a letter from Ranganatha Rao Sahib dated 1st September, after conversation with him, stating that he had heard from you that you had definitely addressed us agreeing to our point of view in respect to the Agreement, and he seemed rather surprised that we had not received any further letter from you definitely agreeing to our appointment.

4. As Ranganatha Rao Sahib was shortly leaving for India, in order to put matters on a satisfactory footing before he left we suggested that he might give us authority to proceed as your Consulting Engineers and Agents, but he did not feel that he could take this responsibility, and stated that the matter would be seen into and put right directly he arrived in India.

5. Although, therefore, we feel that by your letter of 23rd May, 1923, we have really received the appointment, it would be more satisfactory to us if you could kindly send us a letter stating that the terms as set forth in our letter of 27th March, 1923,

17/10/23.

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6. Further, we would request that you will instruct Messrs. Coutts in London to pay our fees, and inspection and other expenses on demand each quarter, in the same way as they do for similar undertakings in India for which we act. At present they have not this authority, and this quarter's bills are now suspended, awaiting your authority.

7. We may say that we have found, over many years' experience, that there is no difficulty in our bills being met on demand each quarter by a Bank here, as, should any adjustment for any reason be required, it can always be made in the following quarter's accounts; and the delay in sending bills and correspondence out to India is therefore avoided.
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Yours faithfully,

Rendel Palmer & Tritton

The Chief Secretary to
the Government of H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore.

S.B.T. A.J.F.

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12-14, Dartmouth Street,
Westminster,
London, S.W.1.

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Thurs., 25th Oct.

17th October, 1923.

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The Chief Secretary to
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12-14. Dartmouth Street.
Westminster.
London. S.W.1.

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23rd October, 1923.

Appointment as Consulting Engineers
and Agents.

INDIA OFFICE REGISTRY
Br. G 1 Mr
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to file

Dear Sir,

We are much obliged for your letter G.5648 X No. GM.109-23-1 of 6th October, and we cabled you yesterday as follows :-

"THANKS YOUR LETTER OF SIXTH RE APPOINTMENT
"OURS OF SEVENTEENTH HAS CROSSED YOURS WE ARE
"WRITING FURTHER THIS MAIL."

which we hereby confirm. We are very pleased to note that you have now formally confirmed our appointment.

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(2) That you give Messrs. Coutts instructions to pay our fees and expenses on demand each quarter, as per paragraph 6 of our letter of 17th October.

The Chief Secretary to
the Government of H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore,
SOUTH INDIA.

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(4) We conclude that the Railway Indents, which hitherto have gone through the Madras Railway, will now be sent to us direct.

(5) We should be glad if you would let us know your Telegraphic Address. We might mention that Bentley's and the A.B.C. 5th Edition Codes are used for cabled communications from this office.

3. The other matters mentioned in your letter are all duly noted and will have our special attention, and we feel quite sure that this business will be carried through as satisfactorily as it has been with our other clients in India.

Yours faithfully,

Rendel Palmer & Tritton

The Chief Secretary to
the Government of H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore.

S.B.T. A.J.F.

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London, S.W.1.

Duplicate for Mail.
Thurs., Nov. 1st.

23rd October, 1923.

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Appointment as Consulting Engineers and Agents.

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RENDEL, PALMER & TRITTON.

The Chief Secretary to
the Government of H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore.

SUBJECT .....

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Diary No. of letter replied to 23143

Section G. M.
File No. 109-23
Serial No. 12

General and Revenue Secretariat
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, the *192* .

No. G 9494

Date of issue 10/12/23

Signed by Hm. C.S.K.

To Messrs Rendel Palmer & Tritton,
12-14, Dartmouth Street,
Westminister, London
S.W.-(1)

Gentlemen,

With reference to your ~~letter~~ telegram of the 22nd Oct & your letter ~~dated~~ the 23rd October 1923 in the matter of your appointment as consulting Engineers and Home Agents, ~~your telegram of the 2~~ I am directed to state that definite instructions will be given ~~in the previous~~ each case ~~matter of placing orders along~~ as to whether you or we shall place orders ~~with each indent~~. ~~In the~~ ~~previous~~ ~~case~~ ~~we~~ ~~have~~ ~~been~~ ~~in~~ ~~touch~~ ~~with~~ ~~you~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~matter~~.

2. Instructions have already been issued to Messrs Coutts & Co to

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pay your bills on account of fees and expenses. ~~and it is hoped that by this time your bill for the last quarter has been paid.~~

3. ~~Lastly~~, Action is being ~~registered~~ taken to get the telegraphic address of the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, Bangalore, registered to whom all your communications, invoices, etc, may be addressed in future. ~~registered~~ Till it is registered and communicated to you, ~~I am to request that~~ your cabled communications may be sent to my code address which is "Chisec", Bangalore. ~~It is requested~~ I note that you use the Bentley's and 5th edition A. B. C. codes for cables.

Yours faithfully,

List of enclosures.

Copy 10/- Secy 29/11/23
Chief Secy to Govt.

G 9449 & 10.12.23 Dy 21/11/23

Ho 22/11/23. Copy forwarded, with compliments, to the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, with reference to paragraph 3 above.

Copied by

B. 6.

Examined by

Secy 29/11/23

(Un-approved drafts)

Draft submission to

Submitted to H.H.

In pursuance of the
paragraph 5 of
submission note dated the
30th April 1923, further negotiations were carried on with Messrs Rendel, Palmer and Tritton, through the special offices of Rangacharya Rao Saheb, regarding their appointment as consulting Engineers and Home Agents for the purchase of goods on the continent of Europe. As the result of these negotiations the firm submitted a draft agreement for the acceptance of govt., ~~the~~ draft reply ~~thereto~~ (marked B_2) of the firm has been ~~drawn~~ put up in consultation with the govt advocate and the Financial Secretary to Government will form the basis of the Government's transactions with the firm. ~~and embodies the conditions of the agreement~~

The draft marked "A" in the file lays down instructions regarding the procedure to

It is however necessary for us to enter into a formal agreement with the firm. The firm of Gwalior also has refrained from doing so in order that misunderstandings may be kept as slight as possible and further ~~disputes~~ controversies regarding the interpretation of the duties undertaken by the firm.

Accordingly the

Enclosing the terms as stated
by the Company and accepted
by the firm

be adopted by the Heads of Depts in regard to the purchases to be made through the Firm. Both the above drafts and the draft reply to the Special Officer Mr Ranganatha Rao Saheb (marked-C.) have been concurred in by the members of Council. ~~to whom the file was circulated~~.

I solicit that His Highness may be graciously pleased to approve of the drafts.

2/8/23

2/8/23.

To

Messrs: Rendel, Palmer & Tritton,
Civil and Consulting Engineers,
12-14 Dartmouth St.,
Westminister,
LONDON - S.W.

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Gentlemen:

I am directed to invite a reference to my letter No.5378 dated 23rd May 1923 in the matter of the proposal to appoint you as Consulting Engineers and Home Agents to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja and to state that Mr. C. Ranganatha Rao Saheb has since ~~been~~ forwarded to Government copies of your letter addressed to him together with the draft of an agreement proposed by you for adoption, if need be.

I am now to state that His Highness' Government have pleasure in finally accepting the terms on which you have agreed to act as their Consulting Engineers and Home Agents as set forth in detail in your letter dated the 27th March 1923 to Mr.C.R. Ranganatha Rao Saheb. His Highness' Government have accordingly decided to appoint you in that capacity as from the 1st July 1923.

- for early reply

As there is already an agent in London for the Palace, your services will be utilised by the Palace only when required.

I am to state that the Government agree with you that it is not essential that any formal agreement should be

executed by you. They will be glad if you will take up the duties of Consulting Engineers and Home Agents on their behalf at once. It will be understood that the arrangements may be terminated by either party giving six month's notice to the other party such notice expiring on the 1st Day of JANUARY or 1st DAY of JULY of any year. As already stated in my letter dated 23rd May 1923 referred to above His Highness' Government reserve to themselves the discretion to make direct purchases whenever they consider such a course necessary and not be bound to make all their purchases through you.

Arrangements are being made by which orders for foreign articles will be sent to you for execution and you will be consulted in matters requiring expert advice. For the present all communications to you will be addressed by the Chief Secretary to Government and all invoices etc., for goods ordered and despatched may kindly be sent to the Chief Secretary.

Payments to be made to you will be arranged for through Messrs. Coutts & Co., the Government Bankers in London to whom the invoices, shipping documents etc., supported by your certificate authorising payment may kindly be sent.

I am to express the thanks of His Highness' Government for the courtesy and promptitude

shewn by you in complying with their wishes.

Yours faithfully,

18.7.75 Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo no

Copy of this above, together with a copy of letter dt 27.3.1875 from Messrs Rundall, Palmer & Dutton, is forwarded to the Commissioner of Police for information & for issue of necessary instructions to the Gun Licensing Officer.

18.7.75

To

Messrs. Rendel Palmer & Trittion,

13-14 Dartmouth Street,

Westminster, London, S.W.1.

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2. I am to state that His Highness' Government have pleasure in finally accepting the terms on which you have agreed to act as their Consulting Engineers and Home Agents and have decided to appoint you in that capacity as from the 1st of July 1923.

3. The terms as now finally agreed to on both sides are ~~reiterated~~ memorials below for ready reference:-

(i) During the time of your employment as Consulting Engineers you will perform on behalf of the Government all duties usually performed by Consulting Engineers in similar circumstances including the preparation of any drawings, designs & specifications &c required in connection with the ordinary work of the Government ~~in connection with~~ such as

and Appliances, Industries, Machinery

their Railways, Electrical Plant, or other engineering enterprises.

(ii) That you will also act as a Home Agency in connection with the purchase in ~~Europe and America~~ Europe of plant, machinery and stores of all kinds including drugs, medicine and stationery, both on behalf of the Government as well as His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore personally.

(iii) That this procedure which applies by you in carrying out work entrusted to you by the first three be the same that which you have adopted for many years past as Consulting Engineers to Messrs. ~~Public~~ basis as outlined in paras 5 & 6 of your letter of 27th March 1925.

(iv) That you will advise the Government on all questions which may be referred to you relating to engineering in all its branches and allied subjects.

(vi) The remuneration payable to you for the services to be rendered according to the present understanding shall be as follows:-

(a) A fixed salary at the rate of £ 500 per annum.

(b) The actual amount paid by you for salaries of the staff as may be employed by you and other expenses in connection with the work done for the Government. ~~Expenditure for Travelling Charges~~ ~~This to exclude contribution to the~~

(c) ~~Proportionate~~ overhead charges incurred by you in respect of rent, general office expenses and up-keep. ~~as certified by a firm of Chartered Accountants to be ascribable to work done for the Government~~.

(v) That ~~you will keep~~ in case the first named appoints any officer ~~under him~~ for ~~keeping~~ in England for selling Stores products or for any other purpose you will keep such officer fully informed for the time being of all matters you might carry out on behalf of the first.

A fair & reasonable proportion of the

(vii) ~~(a)~~ It is to be understood that in return for the above remuneration the Government will be entitled to claim your services for all classes of official business of an ordinary character, the value of which is roughly estimated to amount to £ 30,000 to £ 35,000 per annum.

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technical advice and other assistance in ~~connection with any scheme of improvement or other works of special magnitude~~, the remuneration payable to you for such services being agreed upon as and when occasion arises.

in case of any large scheme of improvement or other work,

(ix) ~~(viii)~~ That the Government will not be bound to make all their purchases through you, but will be at liberty to make any purchases themselves in cases where they consider such a course necessary.

(x) ~~(viii)~~ In cases where the contract entered into by you is for C.I.F. delivery the contractor will ship the goods but when the delivery is F.O.B. you will arrange for shipping the goods through your shipping agents Messrs. Turnbull Gibson & Co. and you will also arrange through these shipping agents for insurance and all necessary formalities in connection with shipment ~~upon~~ their usual rates of commission which is stated to be six pence per ton at the present time.

(xi) ~~(x)~~ The Government will arrange for payment for goods through their London Bankers', Messrs. Couts & Co., on presentation of shipping documents supported by your certificate authorising payments due to the contractors as well as the shipping agents on account of freight, insurance, etc. When goods are shipped in more than one consignment, 90% of the invoice value will be paid for the intermediate deliveries, the balance of 10% being reserved for payment when the contract is completed. In exceptional cases, however, full value of

each consignment will be made payable at your request.

(m) That the arrangement may be terminated by either party giving six months' notice to the other party such notice expiring on the 1st day of July of any year.

or 1st day of January

4. I am to state that the Government agree with your view that it is not essential that any formal agreement should be executed by you. They will be glad if you will take up the duties as Consulting Engineers and Home Agents on their behalf at once.

5. Arrangements are being made by which all orders for foreign articles will be sent to you for execution and you will be consulted in all matters requiring expert advice. For the present all communications to you will be addressed by the Chief Secretary to Government and all invoices for goods ordered and despatched, etc. may kindly be sent to the Chief Secretary.

6. I am to express the thanks of His Highness' Government for the courtesy and promptitude shown by you in complying with their wishes.

Yours faithfully,

14/7/13

Chief Secretary to Govt.

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By Order,

14/7

Chief Secretary to Govt.

To

Messrs. Rendel Palmer & Trittion,

12-14 Dartmouth Street,

Westminster, London, S.W.1.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to invite a reference to my letter No.5378 dated 23rd May 1923 in the matter of the proposal to appoint you as Consulting Engineers and London Agents to the Government of His Highness and to state that Mr. C.Ranganatha Rao Sahib has since forwarded to Government copies of your letter dated 14th May 1923 to him together with the draft of an agreement proposed by you for adoption, if need be.

2. I am to state that His Highness' Government have pleasure in finally accepting the terms on which you have agreed to act as their Consulting Engineers and Home Agents and have decided to appoint you in that - - - capacity as from the 1st July 1923.

3. The terms as now finally agreed to on both sides are mentioned below for ready reference:--

(i) During the time of your employment as Consulting Engineers you will perform on behalf of the Government all duties usually performed by Consulting Engineers in similar circumstances including the preparation of any drawings, designs specifications &c., required in connection with the ordinary work of the Government such as their Railways, Electrical Plant and appliances, Industries, Machinery or other engineering enterprises.

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Europe of plant, machinery and stores of all kinds including drugs, medicine and stationery, both on behalf of the Government as well as His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore personally.

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(vii) It is to be understood that in return for the above remuneration the Government will be entitled to claim your services for all classes of official business of an ordinary character, the value of which is roughly estimated to amount to £200,000 to £250,000 per annum.

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